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University of Miss
Oxford Miss.
April 23, 1871.

My dear dear Ma

To say I
was surprised on perusing the
weekly letter of April 15, would
but feebly express my emotions; but
to say I was grieved would certainly
be the most forcible word by
which I am able to make known
the sorrow, the general tenor of your
last letter gave me. All of which,
I suppose, resulting from some let-
ter I wrote you concerning the
one you sent Dr Shaddele. now my
dearest Ma far, very far was it from
me to injure your feeling in the
slightest manner; but from the
tone of your letter, it is evident

I have. The letter you wrote to P. Hadue I was not displeased with, but on the contrary, I saw many thing in its contents that added materially to my interests; on reading it I thought you had probably failed to get my letters, and felt anxious in regard to my health and came to the conclusion that you would drop a few lines to the above named Prof. If my letters have contained the least symptom of my displeasure in regard to anything you have done, I earnestly ask your pardon; and believe me I have said nothing, intentionally, to hurt your feeling. And like wise believe me when I say the bulwarks of love and affection are too strong and stupendous to allow anything than the kindest feelings and best wishes to pass the por-

tals of my heart, for you, as well as my dear father. Now dear Ma in regard to one other thing I remarked in your letter - the securing of boarding here - I was of the opinion, as you could not get board at Mrs Dobbins, where I am myself staying, and taking into consideration the fact of you being among entire strangers, isolated from all your acquaintances, and myself being in College all day, I came to the conclusion you would spend a very unpleasant time here. So you see Ma it was you I thought of, if I had consulted my own pleasure you would have certainly been with me in "Oxford". Let me close these explanations with the hope that the balm of my love, which has never been wanting for you, will heal the wounds that have apparently been

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I will certainly write to that
father as soon as I find time
for a journey and all
your interests are
made. You ask if I need any
summer clothes at present. Well
yes, tho' I thought I would wait
until about the 1st of next month
before I should write to you for
them. I have only ^{one} suit of every day
clothes and they are rather small
and holly: my "Sunday" also is declin-
ing in health, socks are in bad
condition. but I thought it would be
convenient for Pa if I should defer
the purchase of my summer apparel
until later in the season. I am
on eve of making a contest for an
honor - a gold medal - it is whis-
pered I am to carry off the Prize.
I tell you more about it if I
am successful: two weeks from
yesterday is the day appointed for
the contest. I go to church every
Sunday night. I shall go to hear Dr Wheat tonight

Mrs. S. P. Bernard
Providence.
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